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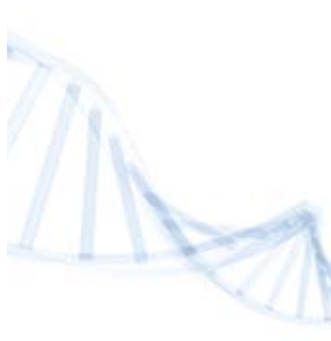
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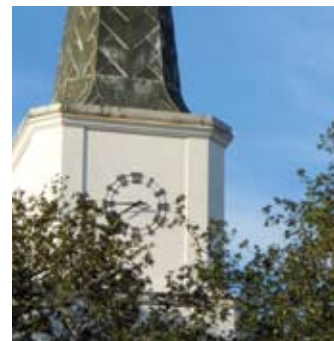
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Marvalene Hughes, Ph.D., President

Greetings,

Dillard University has experienced a season of tremendous growth and change. We are pleased to share the excitement of our progress with you in this Winter issue of *Dillard Today* and invite you to celebrate with us.

In particular, several milestones stand out in my mind and are detailed in this issue. Dillard launched its Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center in partnership with the LSU Health Sciences Center. Funded by a \$6.5 million grant from the National Institutes of Health, Minority Health and Health Disparities Center, this program will provide research and health trials for underserved individuals with chronic illnesses as well as opportunities for faculty, students and staff.

We dedicated the Justice Revius O. Ortique, Jr. Mock Trial Center in honor of a great civil rights attorney, judge, trustee, and loyal alumnus. During the same ceremony, we launched the Ortique Lecture Series on Law and Society with U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder as the inaugural lecturer.

In addition, we dedicated the Georges Auditorium, made possible through a generous gift to the Dillard University Scholarship Fund from John and Dathel Georges and the Galatoire Foundation. Both the Mock Trial Center and the Georges Auditorium are located in the newly opened Professional Schools and Sciences Building.

Our growth and change are also evident in our newly restructured academic programs, which are outlined in this issue of *Dillard Today*. The university is evolving in ways that will align it with current industry needs while ensuring that our students are well prepared for leadership in their respective fields.

As we celebrate another holiday season, I want to offer my sincere thanks for your support throughout the year. On behalf of the entire Dillard University community, I wish you a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

Marvalene Hughes, Ph.D.
President

Melton fellow Arielle Calloway, '12, at the Melton Foundation Symposium in China



Melton fellow Cedric Blair, '11, teaching geography to students in Ju County, China

Melton fellows travel to China for 2010 symposium

Dillard University's Melton fellows traveled to Zhejiang University in Hangzhou, China, for the 19th annual Melton Foundation Symposium in September. The Melton Foundation is an organization that unites students from across the globe to engage in cross-cultural learning experiences. Its five member universities hail from Germany, India, China, Chile and the United States.

The theme of this year's symposium was "China NOW," and participants discussed everything from politics and religion, to trade markets, waste disposal and the fashion industry in China. Dillard University student Cedric Blair, '11, described the symposium as "an incredible experience that taught me many lessons about Chinese culture, the future of global economic development, political power, and innovation in China."

Following the symposium, Blair

and a small group of international Melton fellows traveled to Ju County, located in the mountains outside of Hangzhou, where they taught geography, history and English to schoolchildren, ages 6-13. Despite a language barrier, the fellows were treated like family by their hosts in the farming community. "Respect, hospitality, appreciation and a simple smile are all part of the universal language that connects human beings and made this journey mutually beneficial," said Blair.

Dillard receives SACS 10-year reaffirmation

On June 30, 2010, Dillard University received word of a 10-year reaffirmation from its accrediting body, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools-Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC).

"We are deeply grateful to each of you for your support, and to our entire campus community, who worked tirelessly on the development of our compliance documents and our Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)," said President Hughes in a letter to the school community.

"Although an enormous amount of hard work, the reaffirmation process was positive for Dillard University, as it helped to clarify and reaffirm our mission and strategic directions for the university," said President Hughes. "We are all very pleased with this outcome."

Dillard University trustee honored by Georgetown Law School

Dillard trustee Michael Jones, '82, was recently honored by the Georgetown University Law Center with the annual Paul R. Dean Award, given to outstanding alumni who have exhibited leadership to Georgetown Law and to the legal profession. The Paul R. Dean

Award is named for former Law Center Dean Paul R. Dean.

Jones, a partner with Kirkland & Ellis, specializes in litigation. He has been selected as "one of the top 10 business litigation attorneys in Washington" by Legal Times, "one of the top 10 trial attorneys in the nation" by The National Law Journal, "one of the 75 best lawyers in Washington" by Washingtonian magazine, and "one of America's top black litigators" by Black Enterprise magazine. Jones has a national trial practice and has appeared in a number of media outlets.

Jones graduated summa cum laude from Dillard University and cum laude from Georgetown Law. While at the Law Center, he received the Thurgood Marshall Award and edited the Georgetown Law Journal. Following graduation, he clerked for Senior Circuit Judge Elbert P. Tuttle of the United States Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. He is currently a member of Dillard's board of trustees and the Georgetown Law board of visitors, and an adjunct faculty member at the Georgetown Law Center.



Michael Jones, '82

Second Congressional District debate held on campus

In the week before the November congressional election, Dillard's political science department and Office of Undergraduate Research hosted a candidate's debate with Cedric Richmond, a democrat representing Louisiana state district 101, and the Rev. Anthony Marquize, an independent who co-founded the Global Strategy Christian Association of Evangelical Faith, an association of 62 churches. Congressman Joseph Cao suffered the loss of his father that week and cancelled all appearances.

The forum was designed to give Dillard and other college students an opportunity to hear the candidates on the important issues facing the district, state, and nation, and to give students an opportunity to explore public policy issues in an academic environment.

Richmond, who subsequently won the district by nearly 67 percent, said the "questions the students asked were by far the most thoughtful and researched" that he had heard throughout the political season.



Cedric Richmond, center, with a panel of Dillard students.



(L-R:) Martin Bradford, Ian Lawrence and Cherelle Palmer in the DU Theatre production of "Fences."

Theatre performs "Fences," supports high school production

To kick off its 75th season, Dillard University Theatre produced "Fences" in the Samuel DuBois Cook Fine Arts Center. Ray Vrazel directed the show. "Fences," set in the 1950s, explores the evolving African American experience and examines race relations, in addition to themes of love, death and family obligation. The play earned writer August Wilson the 1987 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and won James Earl Jones a Tony Award for Best Actor. "Fences" ran six times at Dillard throughout late October.

After the show ended, Dillard

theatre students helped 12 students from McDonogh 35 College Preparatory High School with their own production of "Fences." Dillard students assisted with every level of the production, including lighting, sound and costumes. "This was an excellent opportunity for our students to work with young, talented, potential DU students in a professional setting," said Cortheal Clark, Dillard's theatre program coordinator and interim dean of the Department of Humanities. "The theatre department is again working in the community and giving young people excellent training and a never ending avenue of opportunity."

HBCU faculty meet in New Orleans

In late October, Dillard University and Louisiana's HBCUs hosted the 17th National HBCU Faculty Development Symposium at the Hilton Riverside Hotel in New Orleans. This year's symposium focused on "teaching millennial students" and emphasized the three-fold role of HBCU faculty in teaching, research and community outreach.

"HBCUs must adapt to the needs of millennial students," said Dr. Phyllis Worthy Dawkins, Dillard University's associate provost, and the president of the board of the HBCU Faculty Development

Network. "Our purpose is to share teaching innovations that contribute to the quality of historically black colleges and universities."

The stated mission of the HBCU Faculty Development Network is to promote "effective teaching and student learning through a variety of collaborative activities that focus on faculty enhancement." The UNCF Institute for Capacity Building co-sponsored the forum.

Minority health expert Dr. John Ruffin keynotes Founders' Day

Dr. John Ruffin, '65, gave the keynote address at Founders' Day on Nov. 14, 2010 in Lawless Memorial Chapel. In June, Dr. Ruffin helped award Dillard University and the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center a \$6.5 million grant to develop a Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

Dr. Ruffin is the director of the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities and oversees the center's \$210 million budget. He also provides leadership for the minority health research activities of the National Institutes of Health in Washington, D.C.



Dr. John Ruffin, '65



Pearl Fryar

Topiary artist Pearl Fryar visits Dillard

On Oct. 15, topiary artist Pearl Fryar visited Dillard University for a morning of inspired programming. Fryar's story begins in 1984, when he and his wife sought to buy a house in an all-white neighborhood of Bishopville, S.C. They were discouraged by residents who said, "Black people don't keep up their yards," but Fryar responded by transforming his ordinary suburban yard into a horticultural wonderland, filled with topiary sculptures that express his vision of peace, love and goodwill. His garden stands to this day, and has been visited by travelers from across the globe. Dillard University hosted a screening of "A Man Named Pearl," the 2006 documentary that details Fryar's remarkable story. The screening was followed by a topiary sculpture demonstration by Fryar himself. Then Loyola University jazz scholar Janna Saslaw moderated a panel discussion titled "The Nature of Improvisation: Plants + Food + Jazz," featuring Fryar, culinary artist Leah Chase, and jazz saxophonist Edward "Kidd" Jordan. The events were held in Lawless Memorial Chapel and sponsored by Longue Vue House and Gardens.

DUCDC mounts 2010 Housing and Home Improvement Fair for Gentilly community

The July Housing Fair offered the Gentilly community a variety of resources, from financial advice to home improvement tips on roofing, siding, flooring, cabinetry and landscaping. Exhibitors included banks and other lenders, contractors and homebuilders, realtors, and numerous small business owners. Major corporate sponsors included Capitol One Bank, Entergy New Orleans and Enterprise Community Partners, Inc.

"The mission of Dillard's Community Development Corporation is to help build sustainable communities," said Nick Harris, assistant vice president of community and economic development at Dillard. "Our housing fairs give homeowners the tools needed to rebuild their neighborhoods. We've assembled a one-stop shop where our neighbors can access the services they need, and contractors and other trade workers can upgrade their industry skills and knowledge."



Gentilly residents attended the 2010 Housing and Home Improvement Fair in Dent Hall.



Students participated in a round-table discussion at the Green Up New Orleans community conference.

Green Up New Orleans community conference rocks campus

Green For All, a national organization that promotes environmentalism and social justice, produced a community conference and concert at Dillard University on Nov. 13. The conference showcased environmental activists and innovators in the Gulf Coast region, offered free workshops, and spotlighted Dillard University's green initiatives. Musical talent included local favorites Charmaine Neville and the Hot 8 Brass Band, as well as the New York

hip-hop duo Dead Prez, who headlined the concert.

Dillard campus location of upcoming Taraji P. Henson movie "From the Rough"

Dillard University's campus will "star" in Oscar-nominated actress Taraji P. Henson's new golf picture, "From the Rough." The movie is based on the story of Dr. Catana Starks, the first female head coach of an NCAA Division I men's golf team. Although the real action took place on an HBCU campus in Tennessee, Louisiana's movie credits have lured the producers of this film and others to shoot in New Orleans.

A number of the movie's pivotal scenes were shot on campus. Henson's character, Starks, was a swim coach before taking on the golf team. Producers used Dillard's swimming pool, locker rooms and coaches' offices. The production team also used Howard House as a dormitory for the golf team, and the interior and exterior of Kearny Hall for scenes on the fictional southern campus. A number of Dillard students were hired as extras.

Look for "From the Rough" in late 2011.

FACULTY EXCELLENCE

Giving Back: The CPA Way

Washington uses her accounting skills to aid the community

When Kemberly Washington was in high school she wanted to follow in her father's footsteps. At 16, she was interning at his architecture firm, Hewitt-Washington and Associates, with hopes of becoming an architect. But while helping with bookkeeping and payroll, she became interested in accounting.

"My plan was to major in architecture and accounting," said Washington, an accounting professor at Dillard who is working on a Ph.D. in personal financial planning at Texas Tech University. But in 2001, she fell in love with educating while teaching a course at Southern University in New Orleans and working on her master's degree.

Before starting at Dillard, Washington was a revenue agent and criminal investigator for the Internal Revenue Service. In 2006, when Dillard offered her the opportunity to teach full-time, Washington accepted, even though it meant a decrease in salary; after six months of training with the IRS, Washington left to follow her passion. "I wouldn't change a thing. When you find your passion, you don't really feel like you're working," she added.

Washington never looked back and has already made significant strides as a Certified Public Accountant and instructor. The American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) recently selected Washington to participate in its leadership academy designed to train accountants under the age of 35. Only 30 CPAs from around the country were selected for the three-day leadership training.

"This Way to CPA.com," a new



Kemberly Washington, CPA

Web site launched by the AICPA to inspire young people interested in accounting, recently profiled Washington. The profile describes how Washington helped people in her community after Hurricane Katrina by starting a blog that provided localized financial advice.

But Washington did more than just volunteer information. In 2008, she wrote a \$70,000 grant, funded by the Louisiana Board of Regents, to establish a Small Business and Accounting Center at Dillard to help small business owners in their recovery efforts. The center assists small businesses and self-employed individuals with bookkeeping, payroll and accounting, and offers free classes.

"Helping people become financially literate is very important to me," Washington said. "Volunteering and helping others are part of my core values and I think CPAs should give back."

Washington also supervises student volunteers in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program that Dillard has participated in for the past 10 years. "We train

students in our taxation classes and then they are tested by the IRS before being certified as volunteers," she explained. Last year, Dillard students assisted in the preparation of more than 500 income tax returns.

Currently, Washington serves as a chair of the Learning Assurance Committee in Dillard's efforts to seek accreditation for its College of Business through the Association for Advancement of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). She noted that Dillard would be only the fourth private HBCU to attain AACSB accreditation. "Accreditation of our business school is important because it will make us a premier institution able to attract funds, and qualified faculty and staff."

Washington recently served as president of the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA), and she advises the organization's student chapter at Dillard. Through her professional networks, Washington has helped students obtain scholarships from the New Orleans Chapter of the NABA and has mentored students like Brandi Lucier, '08, who recently passed the CPA and is now employed by PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Although Washington is nearing completion of her Ph.D. in financial planning, her other goals include becoming a Certified Financial Planner (CFP) and establishing her own CPA Services. She noted that less than one percent of the 62,000 CFPs in the country are minorities.

FACULTY EXCELLENCE

Urban Planning Expert

Collins studies the redevelopment of New Orleans

It's been a busy five years for Dr. Robert Collins, professor of urban studies and public policy at Dillard University. Collins says he loves the urban studies discipline because it's complex, diverse and exciting. "We work with sociologists, historians and political scientists," he said.

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Collins has assisted the city with perhaps the largest urban planning and rebuilding project in the history of the U.S. "It's been challenging because people are afraid they're going to lose their land and their homes," Collins said. "Anytime you talk about land use,

people get scared because it's a sensitive process."

Collins recently published an essay entitled "No More Surprises: Land Use Planning in the City of New Orleans" as part of the New Orleans Index at Five Report, which tracks the rebuilding and redevelopment of the city post-Katrina. The New Orleans Index is a joint project of the Brookings Institution Metropolitan Policy Program and the Greater New Orleans Community Data Center. It tracks and measures the progress of New Orleans over time based on research and relevant data.

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT

True Story, Real Character

Davis aims to bring his music to the masses

"They contacted me and were looking for local experts on the hurricane and asked if I would work with them," Collins said. He notes in his essay that it took the city 22 months to develop a comprehensive comeback plan that was acceptable to the federal government. "It is long and complex," said Collins of the 500-page document, which is available online. "One role that the university plays is helping to interpret the language so that people in the community can understand it."

Citizens feel more comfortable talking to university officials than government ones, Collins said, so he is often asked to attend local planning meetings throughout city. "We are public servants and people need to have a voice and feel like their voice counts," he added.

Five years into his research, Collins said New Orleans may only have reached the halfway mark of its recovery. Studies of other cities after disasters show it often takes 10-15 years. "It's really at 10 years that we'll see more," he said. The impact of the BP oil spill on the Gulf Coast economy may also slow the city's recovery time.

In addition to being a researcher and a professor of urban studies, Collins considers himself a scholar, too. His challenge is finding the time to write, research, revise, and write again. Sometimes that only happens in the middle of the night, when all is quiet, but Collins doesn't seem to mind. "I enjoy what I do," he said. "There's an old saying: if you enjoy what you do, you'll never work a day in your life."

Franklin Davis IV, '04, started singing at his father's Bibleway Missionary Baptist Church in New Orleans when he was just five years old. Now, more than two decades later, he's on the verge of releasing "True Stories: Fictional Characters," an album of original music that combines gospel and secular styles.

Davis studied music and theater at Dillard, just like his father did. He also pledged the same fraternity as his dad: Phi Beta Sigma. After graduating, he earned a master's in speech communication from Minnesota State University at Mankato, but he never stopped honing his skills as an artist and performer. After living in Houston and Detroit, Davis returned to New Orleans in 2007 and commenced

work on his record.

"I'm fusing gospel, soul, jazz and pop all on one album," said Davis. "Most record companies would say that doesn't make sense because they don't know how to market it, but I feel like all these songs – whether they can be performed at church or in the club – are important."

Davis's career received a huge boost last spring when he made the cast of the third season of "Sunday Best," a reality show on BET that aims to find the next gospel superstar. "It was beneficial for me because it put me in the public eye," Davis said, "and I had the opportunity to work with some of the greatest gospel artists of all time, one-on-one. I couldn't have paid for that experience."

When he's not recording or performing, Davis is back at his alma mater, where he teaches public speaking. "I loved being in college," said Davis, explaining why he became an adjunct professor. "I like being around people who are constantly learning, debating, and standing up for what they believe in."

The opportunity to teach at Dillard is especially important to Davis. "Dillard is a family school for me," he said. "My great-grandfather was a student at Dillard. I've been going to the Dillard concert choir events since I was born because my dad was always the guest soloist. I grew up with an understanding of what Dillard meant, heritage-wise, so it was a natural progression for me to go there. I knew that many African Americans paid very high prices for me to be able to attend university, and I felt a sense of accountability as an African American at Dillard."

Last year, Dillard's theatre

Dr. Robert Collins, professor of urban studies and public policy





Franklin Davis IV, '04

department staged "My Name Means Free," an original musical, written and composed by Davis, that tells the story of a boy's journey of self-discovery. The show champions individuality over conformity.

"It was a privilege and an honor," said Davis. "Being able to oversee that entire production at my school and knowing that I learned [so much] here on this same stage, I just felt so humbled by it. People in the hallways at Dillard are still singing the songs, so I guess it touched those individuals." He is currently revising the show in hopes of someday taking it to Broadway.

Davis performs both locally and nationally, and has played in cities such as Dallas, Orlando and Philadelphia. He plans to self-release his album in December (it will be available on iTunes shortly thereafter), and in August, he plans to relocate to New York City.

"Honestly, and this is with all seriousness, I feel like within a year I can be an A-listers," said Davis. "My faith in God tells me that is what's going to happen for me next."

"And," he adds, laughing, "I'm gonna be friends with Beyonce."

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT

Opening the Path of Success

Stewart rehabilitates criminals as a community supervision officer

There's no such thing as an average day at the office for Trina Stewart, '04, a community supervision officer in Washington, D.C. "The only thing that's typical around here is that I come to work," she said.

As an employee of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, a federal organization that monitors adults on probation, parole and supervised release, Stewart keeps an eye on offenders to make sure they're in compliance with their release conditions.

Offenders on her caseload have been charged with a variety of felonies and misdemeanors, ranging from narcotics possession and vehicle theft, to manslaughter and first-degree murder. It's Stewart's job to ensure that offenders enroll in anger management, perform community service, submit to drug testing and treatment, and pay restitution, as the case may be.

On a given day, Stewart may inspect an offender's home, visit their place of employment, or interview

their friends and family. If an offender breaks parole, she may assist the metropolitan police in tracking down the fugitive; community supervision officers are not armed, but they do carry law enforcement credentials.

Stewart is tasked with the difficult job of exhibiting compassion while demanding accountability. "Our job is unique in that we're trying to protect the person and get them onto a path of success, while also ensuring that the public has a sense of community safety," she said.

Stewart says changing the mindset of offenders is the most difficult aspect of her job. "How do you get people to think in a pro-social atmosphere when they've been thinking another way their whole life?" she said. "You have to teach a person to think differently before you can change their actions."

As a native of Washington, D.C., Stewart takes special pride in working with her neighbors. "I approach my job knowing that it could have been me on the other side of the desk," said Stewart. "You can have everything going for yourself, but in the blink of an eye it can all change. The law doesn't always yield on the side of those who are right."

"The criminal mind is amazing. The amount of energy people spend figuring out how to commit crimes – if they spent half that time on

something positive, we'd have a lot of Albert Einsteins on our hands," she said.

Stewart prepared for her career by studying sociology and criminal justice at Dillard University, where she graduated magna cum laude in three years. "I was exposed to so many things at Dillard," said Stewart. "We took trips to Angola Penitentiary and the women's facility in St. Gabriel. We spoke to inmates and their attorneys, and made pen pals."

She also excelled in extracurricular activities: Stewart served as president of the Beta Gamma chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority, and became vice president of the Student Government Association in just her second year of school. "I was really into school," said Stewart. "I was a residential assistant in Camphor Hall. I would travel to watch the volleyball team and support them. I really made the best of my time down there."

Stewart still tries to visit campus annually. This year she visited over the summer while in town for a sorority convention, and she also attended the Bleu Devil Classic basketball games in January.

"Make the best of your time at Dillard," Stewart advises current students. "If there's something that hasn't been done, that doesn't mean it cannot be done. You are the purpose of the university."



Trina Stewart, '04

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT

Q&A with Trustee Glenda McNeal

Glenda McNeal, '82, is the first vice chair of the Dillard University board of trustees. She was recently promoted at the American Express Company to executive vice president and general manager, Global Client Group within Merchant Services Americas. In more than 20 years with American Express, she has developed global merchant relationships representing over \$150 billion in charge volume. She has brought the same tireless energy and goal-oriented approach to her work on the Dillard University board of trustees. We spoke to Glenda McNeal about her time at Dillard and her work in the corporate world.

Why Dillard?

I chose Dillard because it was a liberal arts college and it had a strong business program. It was a beautiful campus. Recruiters were very good at describing campus life and academic programs. I was interested in business, specifically in accounting, so everything seemed to fit. I grew up in a large family. I wanted to be away from home but not too far. Two hours seemed to be a good distance. I wanted a small environment.

Dillard offered a very nurturing environment. There were students with very diverse interests. I had friends who were in nursing and biology, and those who went to engineering exchange programs. It was a place where, if you wanted to excel, the opportunities were there. There were scholarships and financial aid and work study. I worked in the business and finance office. I didn't grow up with a lot of money; I was the last of eight kids. There were



Glenda McNeal, '82

many summer internship programs. I worked at IBM the summer after my sophomore year and at ARCO after my junior year.

Many companies came to Dillard to recruit. My first plane ride was a result of a recruiting opportunity. During my senior year, I visited a lot of companies in many cities. There was strong support in getting seniors placed with good jobs after graduation. There were visiting professors and business people who came to campus to lecture. I remember a guest lecturer who came from Texas to teach a petroleum accounting course. As a result of his class, I actually went into the oil and gas industry as an auditor. These opportunities helped further define my interests in business and what I wanted to pursue as a career. These experiences allowed me to grow and thrive at Dillard.

What are your fondest memories of Dillard?

I can remember sitting under the

trees on the Avenue of the Oaks and chatting with friends. It was a great place to sit and watch. There were people who dressed with a lot of style on campus, and those who went to class in their flannel pajama or were casual in jeans. It was a great place to see and meet people before, between and after class.

I pledged (Delta) during my sophomore year. And I went through the whole question of should I or would I; there was no one in my family who was Greek. What I loved about sorority life was the camaraderie; it was a collegial environment. I loved stepping, going to the competitions, socializing. I loved all of the energy around it. It added another dimension to my college life.

Why Wharton? Why not Columbia or Harvard?

I have this attitude: leave no doubt. For me, it was about breaking down the stereotypes – “we’re not quantitative, we’re not good at analysis.”

I looked for a school that would let me be free of that stereotype. During my summer internship at IBM, the C.F.O. had gone to Wharton. I chose it based on its reputation, based on curriculum, and what it would say about me as I advanced my career. Relocating from the south, where I had spent my entire life at that point, to Philadelphia was a significant move. I packed up and moved to a place where I knew no one. However, over time I made some of the most lasting friendships of my life. It was a great learning experience for me, both personally and professionally.

You must have been one of very few women, black women, at Arthur Anderson and Salomon Brothers.

Arthur Anderson was quite the challenge, not only because I was an African American woman, but I was in Texas and competing with folks from University of Texas and Baylor and the schools that Texans believe are the Ivy Leagues of the south. So here I am at Arthur Anderson from Dillard, a school they'd never heard of, didn't give a lot of credence to. It was a challenge on many fronts being there, but I knew that I was there to get as much experience as I could before I left for graduate school.

Salomon was interesting because I was competing with people from Harvard and Brown, and Dartmouth, Yale and Duke. These were people who had great undergraduate degrees. I had the persistence, the stamina and the will to compete with those students. Dillard prepared me with a good education and a nurturing

environment, and my family always gave me the feeling that I could do anything I wanted to do. I had a strong work ethic, along with the confidence – these things gave me the support I needed to go to the east coast and do what I aspired to do.

What's an average day like for you at American Express? What do you do?

I lead the Global Client Group. I am responsible for large global customers headquartered in the U.S. that accept the American Express card. I have the responsibility of managing and developing those relationships through marketing, operations, and strategic partnership initiatives.

You sit on the boards of United Steel, PepsiCo, and many others. Why is this important to you?

I have a passion to give back *and* pay it forward. I have a passion to learn and contribute. My work with the Pepsi board is all about making the board more relevant and giving back to the communities that help make Pepsi successful. We work to make sure we have the best talent, the right marketing programs, and that minority suppliers are included, whether they are advertising agencies or the suppliers who supply the bottles and caps to the company.

One of my first non-profit boards was the Harlem School of the Arts. We focused on providing after-school programs for children who couldn't afford arts education.

These board positions have allowed me to broaden my thinking, adjust my leadership style, how I

approach problems. I'm with very seasoned and senior people on these boards, and I continue to be a student and listen and learn, as well as provide my view.

My family supports my interests. I have two wonderful kids and a very supportive husband. They keep me grounded; I also learn from them. They teach me a lot.

You're a trustee of Dillard University. Tell me what that means to you. Why are you involved?

One of the things still true about Dillard is that most students have been and are first generation college students. I have a strong belief in HBCUs. They provide strong educational opportunities to minority students. Dillard gave me the foundation for success and I consider Dillard a part of my family. The faculty and administration supported me early in my development, when I was very hungry to do things and excel. They gave me the platform to do that, and the skills and confidence to succeed in other environments.

What is your advice to young people on how to succeed in business?

First you have to have a strong work ethic. Performance is still the name of the game. You have to have confidence and you must believe in yourself so others believe in you. You have to be credible. Do the basics – treat people the right way, always be true to your values and close to your core. It may mean you will move more slowly, or not get that plum job, but you can look in the mirror and like whom you see.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Preparing for the Future

These Dillard students used summer break to prepare for their futures

Cedric Blair, '11, spent the summer in Washington, D.C., interning with the Office of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Textile Trade Affairs at the Department of State. There he wrote reports, attended seminars and assisted at the Foreign Service Institute with a course that educates foreign diplomats on U.S. biotechnology policy.

"Biotechnology deals with agricultural crops like corn, wheat and cotton – a lot of the most heavily consumed products in the world," said Blair, a Modesto, Calif., native who is studying economics and finance at Dillard. "Scientists are using biotechnology to alter the

genetic makeup of seeds. For example, they have soy seeds that no longer require pesticides because they produce plants that are resistant to bugs."

After graduating from Dillard, Blair plans to teach English in Chile for a year, an opportunity he secured through his membership in the Melton Foundation. He learned a great deal at his internship with the Department of State, but he said he's not ready to take an office job. "Whatever I'm going to be doing," he said, "if, say, I'm going to be developing a clean water project, then I want to do it on the ground, working with people."



Cedric Blair, '11



Jasmi Brown, '11, Senior Class President

Jasmi Brown, '11, spent her summer in Wichita, Kan., interning for Koch Industries, a multibillion-dollar energy conglomerate and one of the biggest private companies in the world. Brown worked in the company's chemical division and was assigned to two clients, PolyOne and Ashland; both are major companies in their own right that trade on the New York Stock Exchange. "I had to apply their cash, manage any problems they had, and provide solutions," said Brown, an accounting major from Houston and the president of the senior class.

Brown's academic coursework and extracurricular activities at Dillard have primed her for success. "I'm part of a lot of minority organizations, like Management and Leadership for Tomorrow and

the National Association of Black Accountants," said Brown. "Those organizations helped me gain exposure to corporate partners." One of those partners was Goldman Sachs, which awarded Brown its highly selective 10,000 Women Business Leadership Award, a two-year scholarship.

Brown enjoyed her experience at Koch Industries, but she ultimately chose not to accept the company's job offer. "I want to explore some other areas," she said. Brown has also received job offers from Teach For America, Target Corporation and the "Big Four" audit firm PwC, also known as PricewaterhouseCoopers, where she interned in the summers of 2008 and 2009.

Her options appear limitless. We'll keep you posted!

Shaunessy Carr, '11, was one of 18 students nationwide selected by the United Negro College Fund for its first Social Entrepreneurship K-12 Education Fellows Program. "The program teaches you the basics of running a non-profit organization from the ground up," said Carr, a political science major from St. Louis.

As part of her fellowship, Carr spent the summer in Brooklyn, N.Y., where she worked with representatives from Teach For America and charter school networks including KIPP and Achievement First. "I learned so much about education reform and charter schools," said Carr. "You have to canvas for potential students, and prove to their

families that there may be a better school district for their child, and just inform them about the excellent education opportunities available outside the basic public school system."

For Carr, living in New York was an educational experience in itself. "Learning my way around the city and navigating the public transportation system by myself – it took me out of my comfort zone and helped me grow and come into my own," she said.

After graduation, Carr, who is currently serving as Miss Dillard, plans to attend law school. "I don't know if I want to be a litigator," she said. "But I do think I'd like to do advising for non-profits."



Shaunessy Carr, '11, Miss Dillard University 2010-2011

WHY Dillard University?



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(800) 216-8094 (toll-free)
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OVERVIEW

Institutional control: **Private**

School type: **Four-year**

Academic calendar: **Semesters**

Religious affiliation: **United Methodist and United Church of Christ**

Enrollment: **1,011**

Average class size: **20**

Student-faculty ratio: **11:1**

Number of registered organizations: **50**

Number of international organizations: **1**

COSTS AND AID (ESTIMATED)

Undergraduate in-state tuition (academic year): **\$13,000**

Undergraduate out-of-state tuition (academic year): **\$13,000**

Room and board (academic year): **\$8,510**

Average additional fees: **\$1,160**

Scholarships: **Yes**

Grants: **Yes**

Loans: **Yes**

Work-study programs: **Yes**

Co-ops/internships: **Yes**

DID YOU KNOW?

Dillard University is a private, historically black, comprehensive undergraduate institution. Here we aim to develop graduates who are broadly educated, culturally aware, concerned with improving the human condition, and able to meet the competitive demands of a global and technologically advanced society. You can pave the path to the future you desire through study in any of our academic majors.

APPLY TODAY!

Dillard University's Office of Enrollment Management considers applications individually, carefully examining academic background and leadership potential as well as recommendations. The priority application deadline is December 1 for the fall semester and September 1 for the spring semester. The application fee is \$30 for freshman and transfer students, \$50 for international students. You can apply to Dillard University online through the MyDU information portal, <https://mydu.dillard.edu>.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- GPA: 2.5 or higher
- ACT: 18 or higher
- SAT: 870 or higher (critical reading and math only)
- TOEFL: 79 Internet-based test, 213 computer-based test
- Official high school transcript
- Counselor and academic letters of recommendation

WHAT DO YOU THINK A COLLEGE SHOULD LOOK LIKE?

- Located on 55 acres in a residential suburb of New Orleans, Dillard University's campus is a beautiful setting for academic study and learning.
- Handsome white buildings, stately live oak trees, large open spaces, and sweeping green lawns create a picture-perfect college environment.
- With students and faculty crossing paths each day on foot, the campus is a walker's delight.
- From the center of the campus, every building is within a five-minute walk.

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO IN LIFE?

Dillard University has a history of producing graduates who have achieved great accomplishments. Here are just a few of our distinguished alumni:

- Dr. Ruth Simmons, president of Brown University
- Dr. Karen Drake, perinatologist who played a major role in the delivery of the Iowa septuplets
- Garret Morris, actor
- Dr. John Ruffin, first associate director for Research on Minority Health and Health Disparities, National Institutes of Health
- Joe Kennedy, deputy director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs

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(L-R:) Bleu Devil Advocates Hal Richardson, '64, Patricia Simpson, '68, Vic Vavasseur, '57, and Johnny Williams, '62.

Pride and Belonging: the Bleu Devil Advocates Salute the Past and Support the Present

After Hurricane Katrina, Dillard students and alumni sought shelter across the country. Vic Vavasseur, '57, a former basketball player and assistant football coach, set out to reunite Dillard athletes in any way he could.

"The storm kind of separated us, so we just tried to get everybody together, see what they were doing, and try to raise some money for Dillard in the process," said Johnny Williams, '62, a former varsity football player at Dillard. "Vic was the catalyst."

The Bleu Devil Advocates—spearheaded by former athletes Vavasseur, Williams, Hal Richardson, '64, and Patricia Simpson, '68—started as a call for unity and an ode to the past, but quickly became fundraisers for the Dillard athletes of today.

Today they have raised over \$23,000 for athletic scholarships.

Vavasseur and company have paid tribute to the history of Dillard athletics, dedicating scholarships in the names of four former DU coaches: John Brown, and the

late Pierro Armstead, William Martin and Mary Teamer. Coaches Brown and Teamer will also be honored at the Third Annual Billy Ray Hobley Scholarship Gala on Feb. 4, 2011.

After reaching out to past Dillard athletes, the Bleu Devil Advocates compiled a book of the information they'd gathered. They then donated copies of the volume, "A Compendium of Dillard University Athletes, 1939-1999," to the Office of the President and the university archives.

Asked why they remain so dedicated to Dillard athletics after all these years, Williams said, "You tend to be more honest with the people you're involved with in sports. Athletics gives you the chance to really get to know your classmates."

Dillard Earns Third Straight Character Award

The Dillard University athletics department received the NAIA's Champions of Character Five Star Award for the third year in a row. The award measures character training, conduct in competition, academic focus,

character recognition and character promotion.

Last fall Dillard's athletics department implemented its first Champions of Character Clinic. The department also organizes an annual community service competition, awarding the sports team that completes the most community service hours. Last year, Dillard's men and women's cross country/track team took the honors.

Volleyball Wins First Conference Championship

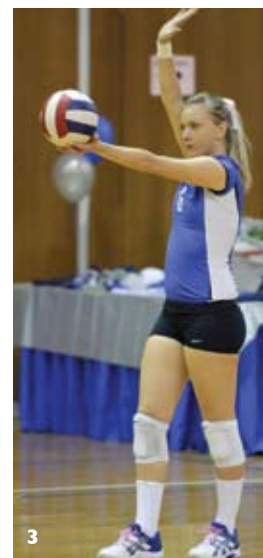
The Lady Bleu Devils volleyball team defeated the SUNO Lady Knights on Nov. 13, 2010 to secure the first Gulf Coast Athletic

Conference championship in the team's 12-year history.

The Lady Bleu Devils (20-11 overall, 5-1 in GCAC play) entered the conference tournament ranked No. 1. After losing the first two games of the final match, they rallied to win three straight and take the title.

The victory secured the team its first-ever bid in the NAIA Volleyball National Championship Tournament. At press time, the team was preparing to travel to San Diego for an opening round match versus the Point Loma Nazarene University Sea Lions.

To learn how their season ended, visit www.dillardbleudevils.com.



1. Jamara Celistan, '14
2. Captain Danta Cobb, '11
3. Zorana Piljevic, '11
4. Krista Hall, '12, and Danta Cobb, '11

For up-to-the-minute info on the Bleu Devils, follow them on Twitter at www.twitter.com/geauxdu.

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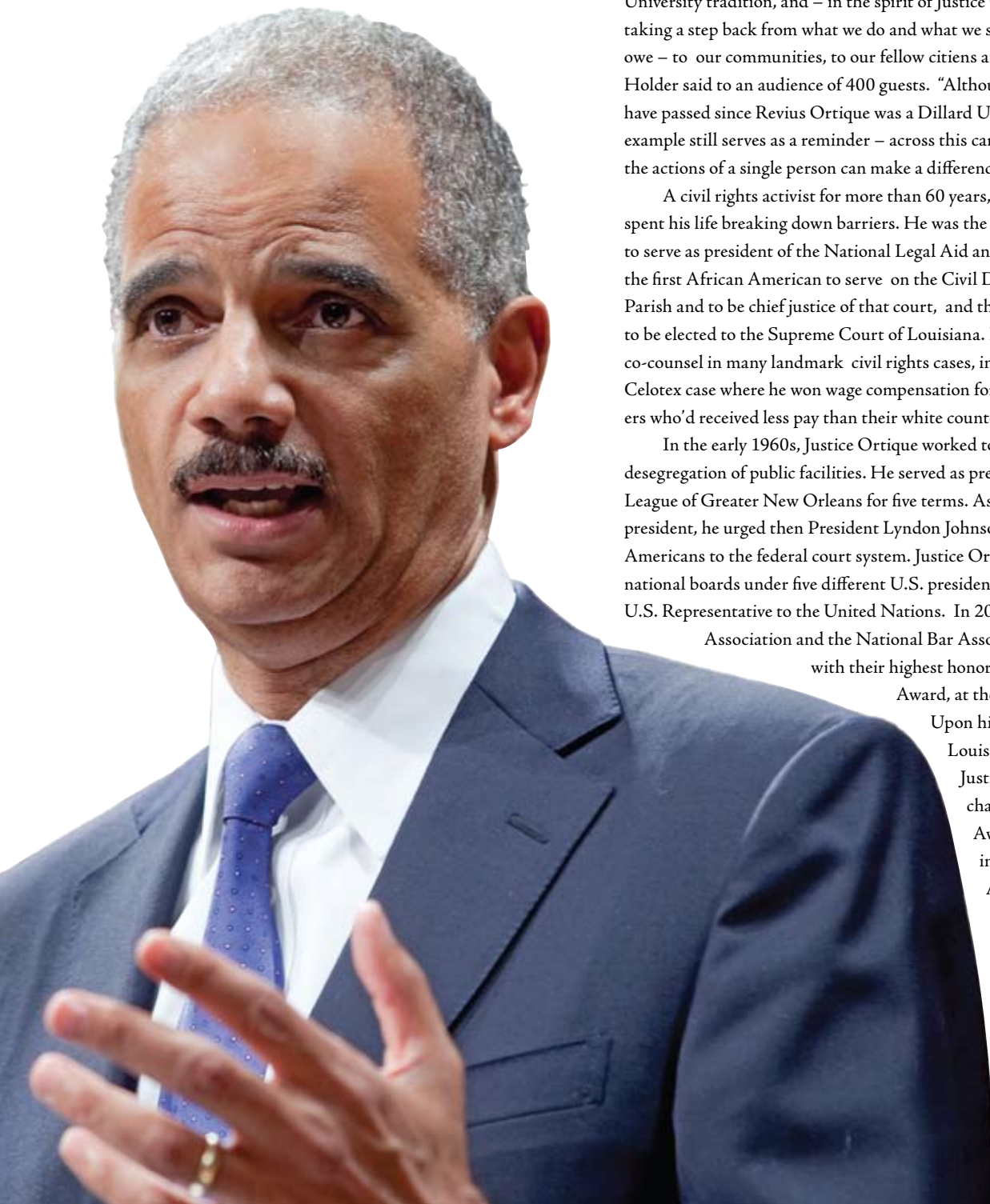
Justice Ortique Commemorated

Although more than six decades have passed since Revius Ortique was a Dillard University student, his example still serves as a reminder—across this campus and far beyond—that the actions of a single person can make a difference in countless lives.

—HONORABLE ERIC H. HOLDER, JR., *Attorney General of the United States of America*

*Above: This portrait of Justice Revius O. Ortique, Jr. by Jim Thorns hangs in Dillard's newly-dedicated Mock Trial Center.
Left: U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder addresses the Dillard community.*

ON THURSDAY, NOV. 11, 2010, Dillard University honored distinguished alumnus and former university trustee Justice Revius O. Ortique, Jr. by dedicating in his name the Mock Trial Center in the new Professional Schools and Sciences Building. To commemorate the occasion, the Honorable Eric H. Holder, Jr., attorney general of the United States, gave the Inaugural Justice Revius O. Ortique, Jr. Public Affairs Lecture on Law and Society. Holder, the nation's first African American attorney general, paid tribute to the civil rights pioneer who realized a number of "firsts" in his lifetime, including judgeships in the Louisiana State Court system.



"It is an honor to help launch this lecture series, to be part of a new Dillard University tradition, and – in the spirit of Justice Ortique – to join you all in taking a step back from what we do and what we study to consider what we owe – to our communities, to our fellow citizens and to future generations," Holder said to an audience of 400 guests. "Although more than six decades have passed since Revius Ortique was a Dillard University student, his example still serves as a reminder – across this campus and far beyond – that the actions of a single person can make a difference in countless lives."

A civil rights activist for more than 60 years, Revius O. Ortique, Jr. spent his life breaking down barriers. He was the first African American to serve as president of the National Legal Aid and Defenders Association, the first African American to serve on the Civil District Court of Orleans Parish and to be chief justice of that court, and the first African American to be elected to the Supreme Court of Louisiana. He participated as co-counsel in many landmark civil rights cases, including the *Lewis v. Celotex* case where he won wage compensation for African American workers who'd received less pay than their white counterparts.

In the early 1960s, Justice Ortique worked to ensure the peaceful desegregation of public facilities. He served as president of the Urban League of Greater New Orleans for five terms. As National Bar Association president, he urged then President Lyndon Johnson to nominate African Americans to the federal court system. Justice Ortique served on five national boards under five different U.S. presidents. He served as the U.S. Representative to the United Nations. In 2000, the American Bar

Association and the National Bar Association presented him with their highest honors, the Thurgood Marshall Award, at their national conventions.

Upon his retirement from the Louisiana Supreme Court, Justice Ortique was appointed chairman of the New Orleans Aviation Board, the governing body for the Louis Armstrong International Airport.

"Although most knew Justice Ortique for his many accomplishments – civil rights warrior, counselor to presidents, the first

elected African American on the Louisiana Supreme Court – we knew Justice Ortique best for his loyalty and commitment to his alma mater,” said Dillard University President Dr. Marvalene Hughes. “He inspired all of us and we are pleased to have yet another opportunity to recognize him for his many contributions to his ‘Fair’ Dillard,” she said.

Ortique’s “Fair Dillard” organized an evening that recognized his contributions to his university and community both large and small. The lecture began with a welcome by Joyce Roche, chair of the Dillard board of trustees. Louisiana State Supreme Court Justice Bernette Johnston remembered the justice as a “trail blazer” who always worked “on behalf of the disadvantaged and disenfranchised.” Dillard alumnus and Ortique family friend Ronnie Burns, ’73, recalled how Justice Ortique taught him as a young man to be on time. Dr. Alden “Chip” McDonald III said his grandfather told his family stories about the fight for equal pay, desegregation, and representation in government. “My grandfather’s work was tireless and courageous,” he said. “But what I remember most is that, as he recounted these stories to us, he emphasized not his own efforts, but rather the efforts of those who came before him and made it possible for him to do this important work: A. P. Tureaud, Arthur Chapital, Albert Dent here at Dillard, Dutch Morial, and Lionel Collins. He encouraged us with words and by example to never forget the shoulders that we all stand on to accomplish what we accomplish,” McDonald said. When Attorney General Holder took the stage, he praised Ortique and issued a call to continue the Justice’s work.

“Today, our nation’s quest for equal justice and equal opportunity continues. Part of that effort must be to continue the work of Justice Ortique – and so many others – to bring greater diversity to the ranks of our nation’s lawyers,” Holder said. “Today, people of color account for more than 30 percent of our population, but just over 10 percent of America’s lawyers. A recent study revealed that since 1993, the number of African American students entering law schools has dropped by more than seven percent. And although nearly a half century has passed since the integration of the federal judiciary, fewer than nine percent of federal judges are African American.”

Joyce Roché, chair of Dillard’s board of trustees, Attorney General Eric Holder, and Dillard University President Dr. Marvalene Hughes

Holder’s message amplified a problem the Ortique family’s donation to Dillard will help to address. The Justice Revius O. Ortique, Jr. Mock Trial Center grew out of the university’s commitment to undergraduate students who seek careers in law, government service, criminal justice, social work, public policy, and environmental justice. The center’s activities are uniquely focused on Justice Ortique’s archival papers, endowed chair in public policy, and pre-law scholarships, and the Justice Revius O. Ortique, Jr. Law and Society Annual Lecture.

“The Mock Trial Center will be beneficial for pre-law students at Dillard University, but also for the entire community,” said Miriam V. Ortique, wife of Justice Ortique. “The family is honored to have this center dedicated to Revius. He was always so interested in education and the law; this Mock Trial Center is a perfect legacy to honor his name,” she said.

Immediately following the lecture, guests moved from the auditorium to the atrium of the Professional Schools Building for the Mock Trial Center dedication. Dr. Winona Somervill, chair of the faculty senate, and Miss Dillard, Shaunessy Carr, spoke about the advantage the center would give Dillard students interested in the law.

“Coupled with the prestigious Annual Lecture on Law and Society, this Mock Trial Center is positioning Dillard to be a top-tier university for those young men and women serious about pre-law studies,” said Carr, a graduating senior who intends to enter law school in the fall. “My peers and I are fortunate to have such wonderful resources at our fingertips.”

Miss Dillard and Dr. Somervill then unveiled the inscription on the door to the Mock Trial Court: Revius O. Ortique, Jr. Mock Trial Court. Justice Ortique’s family walked into the court to view the unveiling of an oil portrait of the justice, and a glass display case that contained the robe worn by Justice Ortique on the Supreme Court bench.

Rhesa McDonald, daughter of the late Justice Ortique, said the evening was very emotional for her family, but the mock trial center would have made her father very happy. “He loved the law and Dillard in equal measure,” she said.

For more of Attorney General Eric Holder’s speech at the Revius O. Ortique, Jr. dedication ceremonies, or to see more pictures of the lecture and dedication, please visit www.dillard.edu.





1. Ortique grandson Dr. Alden “Chip” McDonald III tells family stories. **2.** Rev. Gail Bowman leads the assembly, and the choir, in prayer. **3.** Miss Dillard University Shaunessy Carr at the Mock Trial Center dedication. **4.** (L-R:) Justice Ortique’s family: Dr. and Mrs. Alden “Chip” McDonald III, Miriam V. Ortique, Rhesa McDonald, Attorney General Eric Holder, Alden McDonald, Jr. and Todd McDonald. **5.** (L-R:) Dillard University trustees Michael Jones, Joyce Roché, Jay Amestoy and Ralph Laster. **6.** Dillard University professor Dr. Winona Somerville. **7.** Attorney General Eric Holder with New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu, U.S. Attorney Jim Letten, New Orleans District Attorney Leon Cannizzaro and community leaders.

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—DR. MARVALENE HUGHES, *Dillard University President*

A Day of Historic Firsts

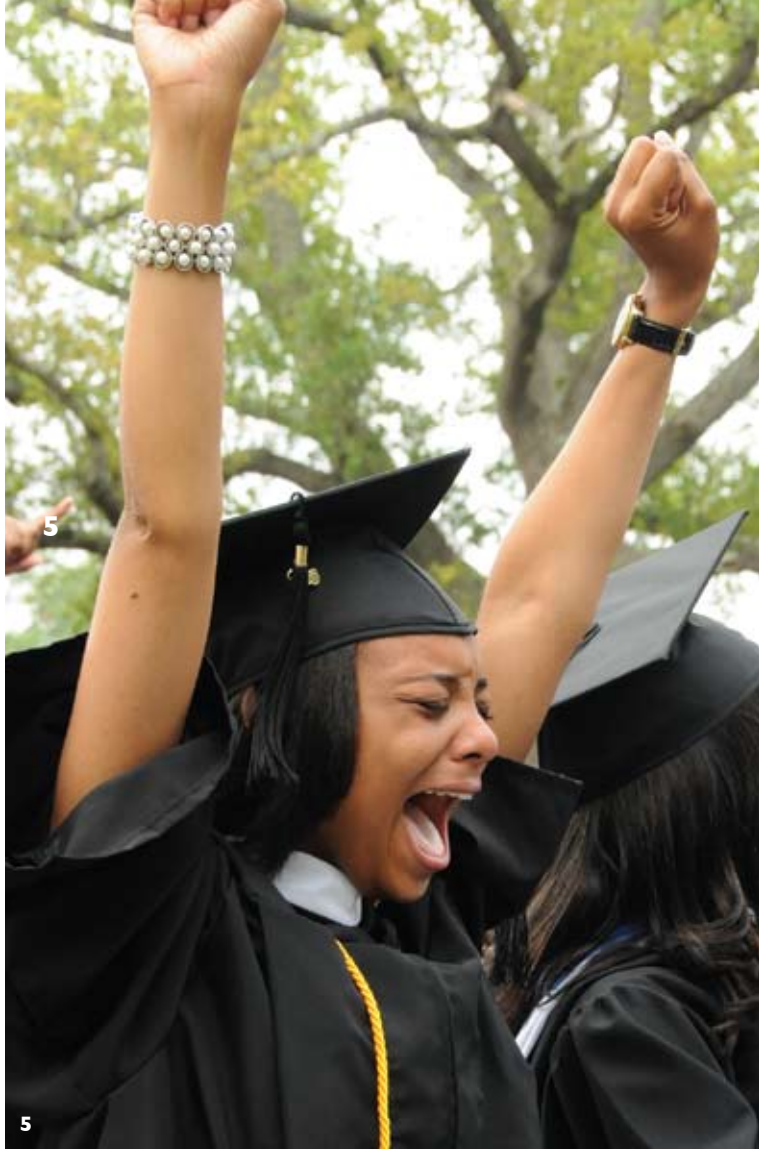
On May 8, 2010, Dillard University ushered in a new era when it awarded undergraduate degrees to 108 students on the Avenue of the Oaks, dedicated nearly 200,000 square feet of space in two new state-of-the-art environmentally sustainable buildings on campus, and celebrated a new exchange agreement and partnership with a delegation from the Communication University of China.

The day began with graduation. Poet, essayist, novelist and educator Nikki Giovanni delivered the commencement address. Dillard University President Dr. Marvalene Hughes said Giovanni's considerable body of work should be an inspiration to students. "Nikki Giovanni's writings over an extended period have captured the exceptional cultural evolution of young blacks and how they influence the world. She is a thoughtful, dynamic speaker and we are honored to have her," Hughes said. During commencement ceremonies, Giovanni received the university's highest award, the Presidential Medal of Honor.

Dillard also bestowed an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters on Jinan Liu, honorary president of the Communication University of China Beijing, and president of the Communication University of China Nanjing (CUCN). Dillard has entered a partnership with CUCN to pursue global education through research projects, and to exchange faculty and students in a number of fields, including mass communications, applied mathematics, physics, engineering, and international business. Jinan Liu was instrumental in forging the partnership, and her visit to Dillard was a working one, as she met with the Dillard partnership committee.

Immediately following graduation ceremonies, graduates and guests followed a Dillard second-line brass band to the new Professional Schools and Sciences Building, and then to the Student Union for ribbon-cutting ceremonies. The Professional Schools building houses programs targeted for growth at the university and offers cutting-edge research laboratories, a 420-seat auditorium, and four 70-seat lecture halls. The Student Union will house a community health clinic, a conference center with meeting rooms, a bowling alley, a fitness center and a 60-seat movie theater. Both buildings will be LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified at the gold level.





And Speaking of Historic Firsts...

Our pre-commencement concert featured Timeless Voices: a one-night only concert featuring a quartet of lead singers, all front men for triple-platinum selling recording groups that have been mainstays on the R&B charts for 30 years.

This once-in-a-lifetime concert featured Eddie Levert, lead singer of the O'Jays, Dennis Edwards, lead singer of the Temptations, Gerald Alston, former lead singer of the Manhattans, and Johnny Gill of New Edition. It was a night when everyone wanted to board the Love Train...



1. Author and poet Nikki Giovanni gave the commencement address. **2.** Jinan Liu, president of the Communication University of China Nanjing, received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. **3.** Valedictorian Courtney Rapp receives her diploma from President Hughes. **4.** (L-R:) Dillard University faculty Robert Collins, Gail Duskin, Alan Colo'n, Cynthia Charles, Betty Dennis and Danille Taylor. **5.** Miss Dillard University 2009-2010 Carmelita Foster celebrates her accomplishment. **6.** Light rain showers during the ceremony did not dampen students' spirits. **7.** Graduates proudly display their diplomas. **8.** Golden Graduates from the Class of 1960 marched down the Avenue of the Oaks once again.

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The term “lean and muscular” is usually applied to athletes who have trimmed down, while bulking up those muscles used to sprint or vault or swim farther and faster. In the past year, Dillard’s Division of Academic Affairs has replicated an athlete’s regimen on a scholastic scale, developing ways for the university to compete and win in the 21st century.

In September 2010, the university introduced a restructured curriculum offering 22 majors in arts, sciences and professional programs. These degree programs are available within a new four-college system: General Studies, Business, Arts and Sciences, and Professional Studies. A fifth college is in the planning stages. Additionally, in the place of a degree program in education, Dillard has partnered with the New Orleans Recovery School District to offer teacher certification for undergraduates.

A New Path for Higher Education

*The Division of Academic Affairs
has reorganized its program offerings
in a four-college system.*

College of General Studies

This new college is designed to be a two-year gateway program for all incoming freshmen. It will contain a number of high-impact activities designed to improve retention, increase graduation rates, enhance preparation for majors, and foster a greater sense of community through a common experience. Housed in this college are the General Education Core Curriculum, the Honors Program, the First Year Experience, the Quality Enhancement Core Curriculum, Civic Engagement/Community Service, Undergraduate Research and Summer Enrichment Programs. Academic offerings include world languages, African world studies, social sciences, mathematics, English, physical education, the humanities, social and behavioral sciences, and the natural sciences. Having completed the General Education Core Curriculum, students apply, and upon acceptance, transition into their majors for their junior and senior years.

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE

First Year Seminar
World Languages
African World Studies
English
Social Sciences
Mathematics
Physical Education
Social/Behavioral Sciences
Natural Sciences

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Evening Courses
Blended/Hybrid Courses

HONORS PROGRAM

First Year Seminar
International Studies and Study Abroad
Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Critical and Integrative Thinking
Learning Communities (Student Engagement)
Co-Curricular Activities
Community Service and Service Learning

FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

First Year Seminar
International Studies and Study Abroad (Melton Program and others)
Quality Enhancement Program (QEP) Critical and Integrative Thinking
Learning Communities (Student Engagement)
Co-Curricular Activities
Community Service and Service Learning
Supplemental Instruction

SECOND-FOURTH YEAR EXPERIENCES

Learning Communities in the Major
Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Critical and Integrative Thinking
Learning Communities (Student Engagement)
Co-Curricular Activities
Community Service and Service Learning
Internships
Undergraduate Research

College of Arts and Sciences

The Divisions of Humanities, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences have merged to form this college. Each division is now a department led by a chairperson. The Department of Humanities includes the visual and performing arts majors and English. The Division of Natural Sciences has been restructured as the Department of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). The Department of Social Sciences includes history, political science, sociology, psychology, and urban studies and public policy majors.

DEGREE PROGRAMS AND MINORS

Department of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)

MAJORS & MINORS

Chemistry
Mathematics (Minor Only)
Biology
Dual-Degree Programs with: Boston University School of Medicine, Meharry Medical College School of Medicine, New York College of Podiatric Medicine, and Ohio College of Medicine

Physics

With Options in 3-2 dual Engineering Degree:
Electrical, Mechanical, and Civil
Computer Engineering
Chemical Engineering
Dual-Degree Programs with: University of New Orleans, Tulane University, Columbia University and Georgia Institute of Technology

With minor in Math or Computer Science

Computer Science

With Options in:
Computer Information Systems
Scientific Technology

Department of Humanities

MAJORS & MINORS

English
Visual Arts
Music with Options in:
Music Industry
Voice Performance
Instrumental Performance
Theatre with Options in:
Performance
Technology

MINORS

Philosophy and Religion, Spanish and French

Department of Social Sciences

MAJORS & MINORS

History
Political Science
Sociology with Options in:
Criminal Justice
Social Work
Psychology

Urban Studies and Public Policy

Dual Master's Degree Program with University of New Orleans

"In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina our focus was primarily on rebuilding the campus and keeping the university family together," said Dr. Marvalene Hughes, president of Dillard University. "We accomplished that and are now poised to reconfigure our academic divisions and faculty in a manner that will allow us to take advantage of future growth opportunities. We are determined to build Dillard's distinctive identity as an HBCU, and to shape the course of the university well into the 21st century," Hughes said.

Dr. David Taylor, university provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs, said reorganization is the first step toward the future. "As Dillard positions itself for enhanced student enrollment, opportunities for new undergraduate programs, and the possibilities of continuing education and selected graduate studies, it is necessary to consider administrative structures that will provide sound management,

operational efficiencies, and cost containment, but will encourage innovation," Taylor said.

The overall restructuring will potentially eliminate five majors: African world studies, sacred music, French, Spanish, and philosophy and religion. "Our intent is to create stronger interdisciplinary colleges that are more appropriate to our size and future programmatic growth," Taylor said.

The university has identified additional areas of potential growth and areas where specialized accreditation can be sought. These include public health, mass communications, nursing, business, science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The decision to make changes came after years of collecting institutional data and conducting program reviews. Following Hurricane Katrina, the board and the administration reviewed, discussed and conceptualized different models of structuring and organizing the university.

"Dr. Hughes wanted to examine three issues," Taylor said. "How ----->

College of Professional Studies

All pre-professional programs, with the exception of business, have been designated as schools: nursing, mass communications, and public health.

DEGREE PROGRAMS AND MINORS

School of Nursing Nursing with Tracks in:

Pre-Nursing
Traditional Registered Nurse (RN)
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
License Practitioner Nurse (LPN) to

3-2 Degree Program with LSU School
of Public Health
Health Sciences (Options)
Pre-Physical Therapy
Pre-Occupational Therapy

School of Public Health

Public Health with Tracks in:

Health Systems Management
3-2 Degree Program with Tulane
School of Public Health and Tropical
Medicine
Community Health

School of Mass Communications MAJORS & MINORS

Mass Communications with Options in:

Print
Broadcast Journalism
Public Relations
Recording Arts
Film

College of Business

Upon the recommendation of an external consultant engaged to assist in preparing the Dillard University Division of Business for Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accreditation, it was decided that the business program be accorded the stature of a college led by a dean who would report to the provost. This is a model consistent with other AACSB accredited business programs in the United States.

DEGREE PROGRAMS AND MINORS

Accounting
Business Management
International Business

Marketing
Financial Economics



do we assist the administration in review and delivery of the curriculum? How do we manage the work of the university in that regard, and how do we reduce costs and reinvest those savings in the university?"

During the planning process, Taylor met with deans, departmental chairs, faculty governing bodies, staff, students and local alumni in over two dozen meetings held in April and May 2010. Additionally, a presentation was made to both the National Alumni Association and the School of Business Advisory Board. Every effort was made to assure proper consultations through a shared governance process. Faculty representatives Dr. Carlen McLin and Dr. Laura Rouzan were integrally involved.

"The most successful universities are those that welcome change," Taylor said. "Transformation of this magnitude is often resisted by vested interests, but we are extremely grateful to an array of faculty, students, alumni, friends and trustees who have contributed to our academic vision and who will join us as partners on this exciting path," he said.

"We find ourselves in a changing higher education environment," said Hughes. "We have to be more agile and aggressive. Our mission requires no less."

Dillard partners with Recovery School District for Teacher Training Program

Dillard University has partnered with the Louisiana Recovery School District to develop an innovative new teacher training program that they believe will revolutionize teacher education in New Orleans and, perhaps, serve as a model for programs across the country.

"This is the most creative partnership we have ever entered," said Dillard University President Marvalene Hughes. "It offers enormous and unlimited opportunities to the student population at Dillard."

On August 17, Dillard University Provost David Taylor revealed new details of the program. Dillard sophomores, juniors and seniors of any major with a G.P.A. above 3.00 will be invited to participate in the program, which involves student teaching and paid internships. After graduating, interested students will partake in an intensive six-week training program that will certify them to teach in the Recovery School District.

Joyce Roche, chair of the Dillard University board of trustees, and Dr. Paul Vallas, superintendent of the Recovery School District, first announced the initiative in April. "We're thrilled to be partnering with Dillard in this unprecedented program," Vallas said. "It will not only allow us to bolster our already strong alternative pathways for teachers, but will also bring greater diversity to our efforts, which is always important in a district such as ours."

LIVING

Dillard hosts the Black



This fall Dillard University hosted the United Methodist Church Black College Fund's Living the Legacy Summit, a professional development meeting for public relations and development leaders of the 11 UMC-supported historically black colleges and universities.

It was Dillard University President Dr. Marvalene Hughes's expertise in crisis management, fund raising and development, proven after Hurricane Katrina, that encouraged the BCF to bring the summit here, said Cynthia Bond Hopson, assistant general secretary of the BCF and ethnic concerns of the UMC General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. "What I wanted to show is here is somebody who's got it (right)," said Hopson.

President Hughes shared valuable lessons with those HBCU leaders in attendance, reviewing her formation of strategic partnerships to secure the funds needed to build a new and better campus after the storm caused \$400 million in damage. "Dillard now is better and stronger than it has ever been," she said.

At the summit, Mona Duffel-Jones, Dillard's senior director of communications and marketing, detailed how Dillard successfully rebranded itself in the midst of national media that showed disturbing images of a city struggling to recover from the worst natural disaster in the nation's history.

"There was a perception around the country that New Orleans was still stuck in the mud," said Duffel-Jones. "I wanted to raise awareness that Dillard University is still here. We're not done. We're just beginning. We're positioning ourselves for further growth in the 21st Century. And while it's important that we maintain our base of students, we do want to extend ourselves to become more attractive to the broader population."

THE LEGACY

College Fund's Legacy Summit

The BCF's Legacy Summit supports the university in fulfilling its mission and creates a sense of camaraderie among the 11 HBCUs that the church supports, Duffel-Jones said. "Without that summit, we probably would not get to meet all the other schools and universities that are a part of the Black College Fund," she said. "We learn from each other and that's something you don't get to do often. It does give you some insight and some different perspectives on issues that may be common to historically black colleges."

Dr. Troy Baldwin, Dillard's interim assistant vice president for development, attended the summit and said she appreciates the BCF's support of Dillard University and other HBCUs. "The Black College Fund has been instrumental in affording us an opportunity not only for professional development of staff, but also in terms of financial support of students," Baldwin said. "For HBCUs, that is significant."

The BCF has raised more than \$255 million for HBCUs since its inception in 1972, offering quadrennial appropriations, student scholarships and internships. More than 32,000 congregations support the fund, according to the UMC.

Baldwin also appreciates the resources and perspectives the legacy summit provides. This year's summit offered insight into the use of social media to engage students and market the university. "This is a new time so you have to be ready to market your campus in new ways," Baldwin said. "We just can't send letters."

The two-day summit featured speakers who have published articles and books, excelled in their areas of expertise, and mastered the art of the presentation, Baldwin added. The UMC facilitated HBCU participation by paying attendees' expenses and providing them with copies of the speakers' featured publications.

United Methodist Communications joined the Black College Fund in sponsoring the summit. The HBCUs supported by the BCF include: Bennett College for Women in Greensboro, N.C.; Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach, Fla.; Claflin University in Orangeburg, S.C.; Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, Ga.; Huston-Tillotson University in Austin, Texas; Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn.; Paine College in Augusta, Ga.; Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Ark.; Rust College in Holly Springs, Miss.; and Wiley College in Marshall, Texas.



Jennifer Abernethy, author of *"The Complete Idiot's Guide to Social Media Marketing,"* offers social media strategies at the Legacy Summit.

Taking the Lead

Dillard has been awarded a \$6.5 million NIH grant to establish a Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center

If you've ever spent time in Louisiana, you've probably heard of "cancer alley," the nickname for the industrial corridor between New Orleans and Baton Rouge that houses manufacturing plants and oil refineries. But the high rate of cancer among African Americans isn't confined to Louisiana. According to the National Institutes of Health, African Americans have the highest mortality rate of any racial and ethnic group in the United States for all cancers combined. If you think that's a startling statistic, you won't like the next one. Death rates for all major causes of death are higher for African Americans than for whites, contributing to a lower life expectancy for both African American men and women.

Fortunately, help is on the way. In an effort to reduce these statistics and to identify, promote and support research on the causes of life threatening diseases for minority populations, the National Institutes

of Health recently awarded a \$6.5 million grant to Dillard University to establish a Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center in New Orleans. LSU Health Sciences Center will be a subcontractor in the center.

At the formal announcement on Dillard's campus in June, Dr. John Ruffin, '65, director of the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities at NIH, said he was thrilled to see Dillard at the forefront of this vital research effort. "The creation of this center is welcome news for Louisiana communities that continue to be ranked among the bottom 50 states in the nation when it comes to poverty and health outcomes," Dr. Ruffin said. "The collaboration between Dillard and LSUHSC typifies the successful partnership: both universities have long and distinguished records of preparing minority students for careers as physicians, nurses, and health researchers; both have served the medical needs of health disparity populations," Ruffin said.

The Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center will create new infrastructure at Dillard to conduct integrated research, training and community engagement. The center will promote the participation of women and minorities in clinical research and clinical trials, educate undergraduate students in health disparities research and outreach, and train minorities as biomedical investigators and nurses to conduct clinical trials.

Dillard University President Dr. Marvalene Hughes said she believes this grant will function as a call to action. "In order to find a cure for diseases that disproportionately afflict minority communities, we must have higher minority participation in clinical trials," Hughes said. "If we want to reduce the high rates of cancer, asthma, diabetes, hypertension and other diseases that plague our community, clinical trials are the fastest and best ways to find treatments that work."

Dr. John Ruffin, '65, director of the National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities at NIH

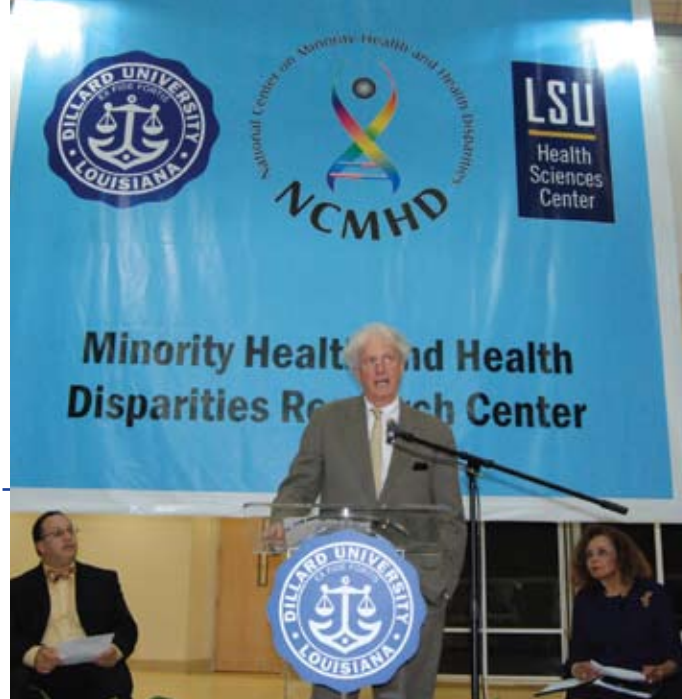


Dr. Larry H. Hollier, chancellor of LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans, said the need for minority medical workers is great. "Through our nine public hospitals, clinics and programs such as our minority-based Community Clinical Oncology Program, we are in a unique position to see what's going on at the ground level," he said. "We have an abundance of patients with debilitating chronic conditions, but a shortage of minority clinical providers and researchers. Moving forward, we must change that equation," Hollier said.

The term minority health disparities refers to inequalities in the health and healthcare available to underserved and minority populations. In this country, Latinos, African Americans, Asian Americans and Native Americans have a higher incidence of chronic disease and poor health than the majority population. Compared to whites, African Americans have a 10 percent higher incidence of cancer, and Latinos run approximately twice the risk of developing diabetes. Minorities have higher rates of cardiovascular disease and infant mortality. A recent study of 20,000 cancer patients in the United States found that African Americans are less likely than whites to survive breast, prostate and ovarian cancer, even when given equal care.

"That is why this kind of research is vital," said Dr. Betty Dennis, Dillard's principal investigator on the NIH grant. "We will be able to partner with communities to better understand the role of biological as well as socio-cultural determinates that factor in health inequalities," she said.

"Research suggests biology may factor into the high rates of some diseases in minority populations," said Dr. John J. Estrada, associate director of clinical and translational research at the Stanley S. Scott Cancer Center at LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans. Estrada and Dennis will serve as directors of the Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center housed at Dillard and the Cancer Center at



R. King Milling, chairman of the finance committee for the Dillard University board of trustees

LSUHSC. Estrada said women and minorities participate less in clinical cancer research and enroll less in clinical cancer trials. Dr. Dennis agreed. "This center will contribute to more active participation of these groups in order to reduce this major health inequality," she said.

This Dillard-LSUHSC partnership joins the ranks of more than 88 institutions nationwide that have received NIH funding to conduct research on the biological and non-biological factors associated with health disparities, train health professionals, build institutional capacity to conduct research, translate research findings, and engage the community in outreach, information dissemination and public education activities.

Professors and students from Dillard and LSUHSC will work together to advance the research. In addition, the center will partner with local community clinics as well as school-based clinics run by LSUHSC. The center will also partner with local medical centers: LSU hospitals, Children's Hospital and the Ochsner Medical Center.

The initial research of the center will focus on understanding why some African American males have a genetic makeup that puts them at a higher risk for developing aggressive prostate cancer, why viruses cause more cervical cancer in African American women, and the contribution of genetics to the development of asthma and obesity in minority children.



(L–R:) Dillard University professor Dr. Christian Fugar, John Georges and Artra Abraham McNeil, Jr., '11



The Georges addressed the audience in the Professional Schools and Sciences Building.



The Dillard University Female Octet performed at the dedication.



Dathel and John Georges

Georges Auditorium Dedication

In late November, Dillard thanked Dathel and John Georges and the Galatoire Foundation for a major donation to the university for academic scholarships by naming the auditorium in the Professional Schools and Sciences Building the Georges Auditorium.

"Roughly 95 percent of our students receive some kind of financial or scholarship assistance," said Dr. Marvalene Hughes, president of Dillard University. "The generosity of the Georges family and the Galatoire Foundation has the potential to help scores of our students pay for college. That is a wonderful gift for any young person, and it is a blessing for which the university is thankful."

"I had the pleasure of visiting Dillard's campus earlier this year and was made aware of the need," said John Georges, lead investor

in a business group that partnered with the Galatoire family to own and operate Galatoire's restaurants in New Orleans and Baton Rouge. "Many of these students are the first in their families to attend college. I look at this gift not just as a down-payment on the students' futures, but as an investment in our future as a community."

The Georges Auditorium is a 420-seat, state-of-the-art theater designed for use as a lecture hall and gathering place for major events on campus. Although it was not designed as a performance space, the auditorium possesses great acoustic qualities, plush theater-style seating and a sloped floor so that every seat provides a clear view of the stage.

At the dedication, the Dillard University Choir's Female Octet performed a medley of spirituals. Actor Wendell Pierce, a personal

friend of the Georges, lauded the couple for their generosity of spirit and commitment to education.

John Georges is a former member of the Louisiana Board of Regents and has raised millions to help rebuild institutions in New Orleans since Katrina, most notably Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in New Orleans, and Metairie Park Country Day School. He is C.E.O. of Georges Enterprises, a locally-based company with investments in nine states in food manufacturing, distribution and service, as well as family entertainment, oil and gas services, raw materials management, and construction and real estate development. Dathel Georges serves on the board of trustees for the Galatoire Foundation and Crimestoppers. She is also the co-chair of "Art in Bloom," an April event that benefits the New Orleans Museum of Art.

The Georges' gift to Dillard University will be donated through the Galatoire Foundation. Founded in 2010, the 501(c)3 organization is dedicated to giving back to the New Orleans community.

A Gift That Lasts a Lifetime

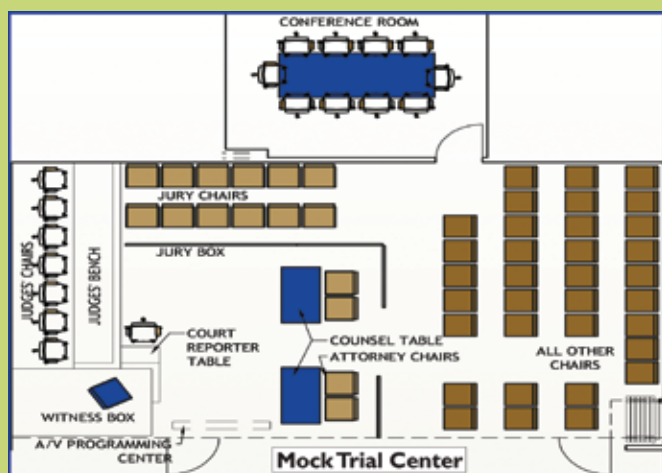
Naming opportunities offer a unique means of recognizing gift contributions to Dillard University. Named gifts enable a donor to honor a loved one, establish a legacy, and demonstrate support. Behind every gift to the university lies a family or individual with a vision for the future and a desire to make a difference, and we ask you to consider cementing your place in Dillard's history. Naming opportunities are possible in virtually every facility, including Lawless Memorial Chapel and the Justice Revis O. Ortique, Jr. Mock Trial Center (pictured here).

To discuss naming opportunities with a member of our development staff, please contact Dr. Troy Baldwin, interim assistant vice president of development, at (504) 816-4504 or tbaldwin@dillard.edu.



Lawless Memorial Chapel

1	Nave	\$100,000
2	Social Room	\$100,000
3	Chancel	\$100,000
4	Conference Room	\$50,000
5	Narthex	\$50,000
6	Memorial Tower Lobby	\$25,000
7	Small Chapel	\$25,000
8	Choir Room	\$20,000
9	Alcove	\$50,000
10	Chaplain's Study	\$20,000
11	Office Area	\$10,000
12	Nave Windows (each)	\$5,000
13	Chancel Window	\$5,000
14	Social Room Windows (each)	\$3,000
15	Full Pew (12 seats)	\$3,000
16	Half Pew (6 seats)	\$1,500
17	Pew Seat	\$250



Justice Revis O. Ortique, Jr. Mock Trial Center

Justice Revis O. Ortique, Jr. Mock Trial Conference Room	\$100,000
Judges' Bench	\$75,000
Jury Box	\$50,000
Witness Box	\$25,000
Counsel Table	\$25,000
Court Reporter Table	\$15,000
AV Programming Center	\$10,000
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Attorney Chairs (12)	\$2,500
All other chairs (44)	\$1,500

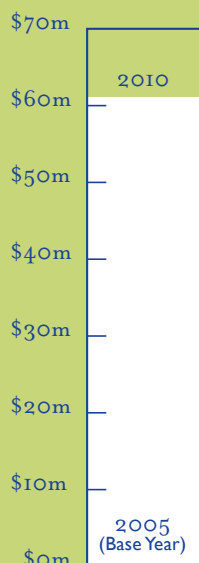


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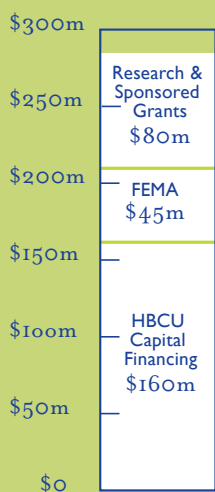
Advantage Dillard! Campaign Update

(as of 9/30/2010)

Private Support



Government Support



Friends and Alumni,

I was recently asked by a New Orleans corporate leader why I felt it was important for him to give to Dillard. What problem are you trying to solve, he asked? It was a reasonable question. I thought for a moment and said, "I'd rather you substitute the word 'problem' with 'opportunity.'"

Over the past five years, I have had the privilege of helping restore "opportunity" for Dillard University students – helping them realize their dreams and become all that their hard work will enable.

As we sat cheering for a Saints victory, I told this prospective donor that the work my colleagues and I are doing at Dillard is no mere spectator sport. Much of what we do goes unheralded, and there are few cheers from the crowd. But we are on a mission. We are doing battle, and we have put our hearts and spirits into positively affecting the lives of young men and women.

I then told my potential donor friend, "The opportunity I want you to consider creating is directly related to life enhancements; after all, that is what positively changing lives is all about."

Dillard has achieved tremendous success these past five years, securing just over \$60 million toward a \$70 million goal in "life enhancement" gifts from alumni, friends, organizations, corporations and foundations.

The Advantage Dillard! fundraising campaign has served as a life force, expediting Dillard's recovery following Katrina, and enabling the university to weather, thus far, the second perfect storm caused by the current downturn in the economy.

In addition to these private giving efforts, Dillard has generated more than \$80 million in public grant support since Katrina. This amount, coupled with \$160 million in HBCU Cap Program funding and close to \$45 million in FEMA funding, brings total government sponsored support to over \$285 million. Faculty researchers, FEMA coordinator Erika Boerr; Assistant Vice President Theo Callier and his team, and the development staff have worked tirelessly in getting us to this point. We have committed ourselves to Dillard's mission and imbued our efforts with a can-do spirit.

To every Dillard alum and friend of this great university, I want to express appreciation and thanks for believing in the Dillard Promise, and providing the investment opportunities to positively change lives. As we move forward, please continue to help Dillard with its mission, as we continue to view every problem as a golden opportunity when pursued in a determined way.

Please contact me at (504) 816-4359 or wstrong@dillard.edu. It has been my pleasure to serve Dillard University for the past five years.

Sincerely,

Walter L. Strong, Ph.D.
Executive Vice President

P.S. Our prospective donor made a generous gift commitment for Dillard scholarships.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR



Adrian (Guy) Anderson, '01
Executive Director, Alumni Relations

Dear Alumni,

I am always excited by the stories you share with me concerning your experiences as Dillard students, and the life-lessons you gained as a result of those experiences. I often reflect upon your accounts, and my own, when I encounter questions regarding the relevance of Historically Black Colleges and Universities in this day and age. There has been broad speculation as to whether HBCUs still serve a purpose, given the fall of segregation and the advances of civil rights in the U.S. Some use the election of the first black president as evidence that HBCUs are no longer needed.

Beyond the acquisition of knowledge and the development of critical thinking and research skills, Dillard University, an HBCU, has provided me (and countless others) with a sense of pride in who we are as people and in who I am as an individual. Our university has given me unwavering faith in my ability to achieve anything I aspire to obtain. Our Fair Dillard has coached me in the appreciation of the diversity of people of color. My Dillard education taught me to build communities, and to constantly compare what we are taught in the classroom with what we live daily. And, as many of us can attest, our HBCUs nourish students and help them achieve success in life.

While I don't proclaim these lessons to be the missions or building blocks of HBCU institutions, I do call upon alumni to remember those valuable assets obtained at our HBCUs which could not have been obtained at other universities. I challenge us to voice these lessons that cannot be measured by test scores alone, and to affirm outwardly what we know to be true: that the full value of our HBCU educations cannot be measured by the temperament of race relations in this country or by the election of any president. It is measured by the successful lives of our alumni, and our open and regular profession of what we have gained from our universities. Its value is measured not only by what HBCUs have been, but also by what they have the potential to become. I believe that if we support our universities in ways that accurately reflect the value we place on our Dillard experience, an HBCU experience, then their potential is limitless and their relevance, undeniable.

In Dillard Love,

Adrian (Guy) Anderson, '01
Executive Director, Alumni Relations

DILLARD FAMILIES



Shannon Neal, '94, and Stacia Neal, '14

Relationship: Mother and Daughter

Interests you share: We both have witty personalities and are proud to have a DU connection.

What has been the impact of Dillard on your relationship: "I'm very proud that my daughter chose to attend Dillard," said Shannon. "The choice was all hers. I tried my hardest not to influence her decision. I am very proud of my DU experience as a student and an employee, and it is my honor to pass on that experience to my most prized possession... my firstborn child."



Sharon Ross Magee, '80, and Damon Caraby, '13

Relationship: Grandmother and Grandson

Interests you share: Reading, writing and all things related to Dillard University.

What has been the impact of Dillard on your relationship: "Even though my grandmother is deceased, she has made my love for Dillard grow even fonder," said Damon. "Even though we're not together now to share our stories about Dillard, [this school] still makes our relationship stronger."



Bichene Okorn, '05, Ejenenorb Okorn, '08, and Ekebenta Okorn, '13

Relationship: Brother and Sisters

Interests you share: We enjoy embracing our culture, traveling, music, spending time with family, being successful, and giving glory to God.

What has been the impact of Dillard on your relationship: Being under the constant watch of our father, a Dillard professor, has made success our only option. Dillard University has instilled values in us and given us a unique understanding and appreciation of our history.

Brian Simon, '00, and Juan Serrano, '12

Relationship: Cousins

Interests you share: We share a lot of common interests. We're both very ambitious individuals who want to maximize our professional opportunities. We also share interests in technology, fashion, and school.

What has been the impact of Dillard on your relationship: "Dillard has provided me direction as to where I want to go in life," said Juan. "This professional support is complemented by the family atmosphere of the campus. While everyone at Dillard University is a family, it was incredible to actually meet a blood relative while at school. The love Brian expressed during his tenure at Dillard is the same love I strive to exude currently. It is with his and the rest of my family's support that I confidently embrace my institution."



ARE YOU PART OF A DILLARD FAMILY?

Tell us about it! If you'd like to participate in our collection of information about Dillard families and their histories, please send us **your name, address, phone number, class year, and the name of the institution you attended; family members' names, class years, institutions attended (Straight College, New Orleans University, or Dillard University), and their relationships to you; photos with alumni family members' names, with class years on the back (send copies of the photos on photo paper as the photos will not be returned)**. Information may be sent to the following address: Dillard University, Office of Alumni Relations, Attn: Alumni Families, 2601 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70122

DILLARD YESTERDAY

Students have always kept fresh and stayed in shape at DU. From afros to blows, Dillard students have long demonstrated impeccable style and fashion sense. And today students stay active around campus by participating in pickup games, student/faculty matchups, and Bleu Devil team sports – just as they did in decades past!



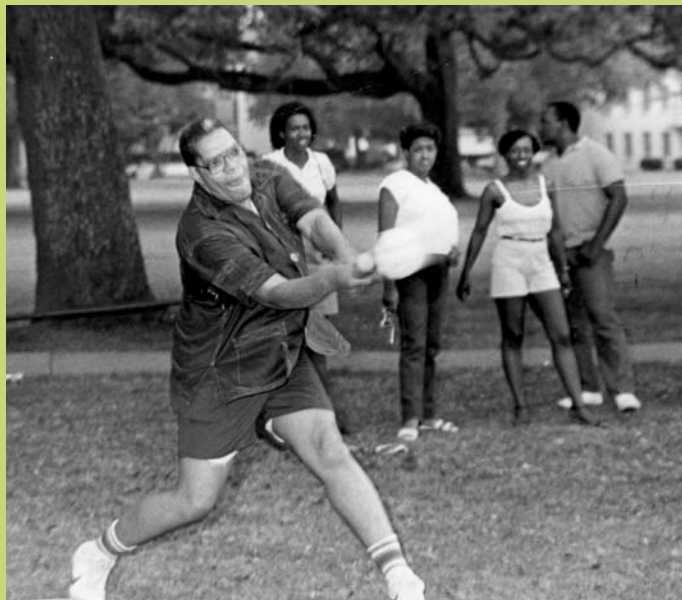
Dillard ladies getting dolled up!



Olympics, here we come! This sister was going for the gold!



The 1956 track team showing DU pride & unity.



Dillard University President Samuel DuBois Cook shows off his power swing!

CHAPTER NEWS



The Atlanta chapter helped feed the homeless on Nov. 12.



The Atlanta chapter served over 30 meals at its Feed the Homeless event.

ATLANTA

The Atlanta chapter hosted its annual Feed the Homeless community service event on Nov. 12, 2010. Mrs. Glen Walker coordinated the event. Alumni provided dinner and care packages for over 25 men and five shelter workers. The men at the shelter enjoyed their meal, but were more impressed by the love shown to them by the Dillard alumni.

NEW ORLEANS

The Greater New Orleans chapter began the new school year with a stellar Summer Send-Off in the Will W. Alexander Library. Over 100 incoming freshmen, parents, alumni and guests attended. Participants mingled and discussed Dillard over soft jazz and great local cuisine.

The chapter assisted the university during S.O.A.R. week (Student Orientation, Advising and Registration) in August. Chapter members helped students move into dormitories, provided office support,



The New York/Tri-State chapter hosted a reception for President Hughes in Manhattan on Nov. 3.

volunteered in the nursing office, and counseled students and parents alike. The chapter also attended the Mardi Gras Brunch and parting ceremony and hosted separate sessions for parents and students to inform them about Dillard and welcome them to the "Dillard Family."

The chapter is very proud to have raised over \$3,000 at the local UNCF Walk/Run. The funds will go toward scholarships for current DU students. The chapter has also set aside money for a Spring 2011 book scholarship to be awarded to a deserving student.

Finally, the chapter recently partnered with Dillard students, faculty, and staff for the DU Day of Service, performing community service throughout the local community.

NEW YORK/TRI-STATE

The New York/Tri-State chapter hosted its 10th Annual Blue and White Scholarship Ball on Oct. 9 at the New York Alhambra Ballroom. On Nov. 3, the chapter hosted a reception for Dillard University President Marvalene Hughes in the board of trustees' conference room at Columbia University.

LOS ANGELES

On Jan. 18, 2010, the Los Angeles chapter supported the Inter-Alumni Council of the UNCF at the Martin Luther King Day Breakfast. The keynote speaker was Dr. John S. Wilson, executive director, White House Initiative on HBCUs.

In February 2010, the chapter assisted the earthquake relief efforts in Haiti by sending a financial donation to the United Methodist Committee on Relief. The chapter also funded its annual Dillard scholarship; this year's recipient was Clarence Carr, '13, who is majoring in mass communications.

On April 17, 2010, the chapter held its Annual Scholarship/Awards Luncheon. The theme was "Perpetuating the Avenue of Opportunity." Four young alumni – Dominick Owens, '00, Mia Sadler, '02, Amber Scott, '06, and Christy Malbrew, '06 – gave speeches.



The New Orleans chapter helped raise over \$3,000 at the UNCF's 23rd Annual Walk for Education in Audubon Park.

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Los Angeles chapter member Ruby Laster, '60, celebrated her 50th class reunion at Dillard University in New Orleans on May 8, 2010. Mrs. Laster was honored and recognized at commencement as a "Golden Graduate." The chapter is very proud of Mrs. Laster!

On Oct. 23, 2010, the chapter participated in "Make a Difference Day/ Bleu Devils on the Prowl," volunteering with Habitat for Humanity in the organization's home improvement store. Chapter members organized inventory, stocked shelves, assisted clients and more.



The Los Angeles chapter attended the UNCF's Martin Luther King Day Breakfast on Jan. 18, 2010.



(L-R:) Channing Bias, '09, Tamara Middleton, '99, award recipient Inez Pace, '69, and Rev. William Pace, '68, at the Los Angeles chapter's Annual Scholarship/Awards Luncheon.



Ruby Laster, '60, of the Los Angeles chapter was honored as a 50th anniversary "Golden Graduate" at Commencement 2010.



(L-R:) Dr. Tounzel Smith, '68, Dr. Christy Malbrew, '06, Ruby Laster, '60, and Ralph Laster, '61, of the Los Angeles chapter volunteered with Habitat for Humanity on Oct. 23, 2010.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Ellis Marsalis, '55, was the center of attention last summer when musician Harry Connick, Jr. and Mayor Mitch Landrieu participated in the topping-off ceremony for the construction of the new Ellis Marsalis Center for Music.



Ellis Marsalis, '55

Dorothy Perrault, '60, **Cynthia Butler-McIntyre, '76**, and **Therese Badon, '87**, were honored by the Greater New Orleans Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women at the 12th Annual Torchbearers Gala in New Orleans last November.



Dorothy Perrault, '60



Cynthia Butler-McIntyre, '76



Therese Badon, '87

Rev. Otto Duncan, '62, recently moved his congregation back into the sanctuary of the historic St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church, using a grant he wrote and then received from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the American Express Company.

Claiborne Haughton, '67, was recently featured in the Department of Defense's *Reflections* magazine after the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute named its new state-of-the-art resource library after him.

Rev. Cornelius Tilton, '79, pastor of the Irish Channel Christian Fellowship, was recently elected chairman of the Ethics Review Board for the City of New Orleans.

Erroll Williams, '71, after serving as the assessor for the 3rd District since 1986, was recently elected New Orleans's first citywide tax assessor.

Glenda Goodly McNeal, '82, first vice chair of Dillard's board of trustees, was promoted from senior vice president, Global Partnerships at American Express to executive vice president and general manager, Global Client Group within Merchant Services Americas.

Cheryl McGhee, '91, was recognized by the Florida Times Union's online newspaper, Jacksonville.com, as a

"Difference Maker" for affecting positive change in her community.

Tyrone Gorden, '95, was recently selected to lead fundraising efforts for the Urban League of Greater New Orleans as its new vice president of development.

Zachary Sanders, '96, was selected by the Tri-State Defender, a newspaper distributed in the Tennessee, Arkansas, and Mississippi areas, as one of its 2010 Men of Excellence. He was honored at the newspaper's annual awards reception in Memphis, Tenn., in November 2010.



Zachary Sanders, '96

Carla Lovett, '97, is helping to build the self-esteem of young girls through her new business, Pillow Fight Night, which develops slumber party kits.



Carla Lovett, '97

Andreiss Bluitt, '00, directed and co-starred in the play "Somebody Else's Husband," which was produced at the Stafford Civic Center in Stafford, Texas, last summer.

Napoleon Bracy Jr., '00, Pritchard City Council president, was recently elected to the Alabama House of Representatives, and looks forward to being one of the youngest representatives.

Meghan Sanders, '01, was named director of Louisiana State University's recently established Media Effects Lab in which cutting-edge media research is conducted.

Angelique White, '03, was married in October 2010 at Second New Guide Baptist Church in Jefferson, La., to Michael-Paul Miller.



**Angelique White, '03,
and Michael-Paul Miller**

Crystal D. Smith, '04, completed her M.B.A. in marketing, entrepreneurship and managerial and organizational behavior last summer from the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business.



Crystal D. Smith, '04

Dr. Maria Shantell Williams, '05, recently received her doctorate in marriage and family therapy from the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

SHOUT OUTS

CLASS OF 1991

Let's get ready to roll! DU, get ready to roll! Class of '91, get ready to roll! We hope to see you all from May 6-8 at Alumni Reunion 2011! For more information, contact April Cotton, class agent for the Class of 1991, at acottoncrpc@yahoo.com.

CLASS OF 1961

May 2011 will mark 50 years since some of us have seen each other! You don't want to miss this opportunity to reconnect, catch up on what's been happening in classmates' lives, tour Fair Dillard, and reminisce on days gone by. Look for more communication from your class agents shortly. The celebrating classes traditionally give a gift to the university and we want to make ours substantial (approximately \$75,000), so set some of your big bucks aside and help us achieve our goal. The class agents of 1961 look forward to hearing from all of you!

FALL 2010 STUDENT ORIENTATION

S.O.A.R. 2010 (Student Orientation, Advising and Registration) was a success, in part, because of the welcoming smiles and open arms of the alumni who greeted all the new faces on campus. You all deserve a special shout out!

BLEU DEVIL ADVOCATES

Shout out to the Bleu Devil Advocates for forging ahead and building a scholarship through the support of alumni athletes. If you ever played football, track, basketball, volleyball, or any other sport, please contact Vic Vavasaur at vvavasaur1@cox.net.

ALUMNI CHAPTERS

Shout out to the New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, New Orleans, and D.C.

alumni chapters for their successful Fall 2010 scholarship fundraising events!

CLASS OF 1986

Class of '86: 25 years have passed and we miss you! The 1986 class agents cannot wait to see you again next year at the 2011 Reunion!

CLASS OF 2001

The Class of 2001 has accepted the challenge: they want to make theirs the biggest 10-year class reunion ever! We know you can do it!

ALUMNI OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Thank You! Thank You! Many thanks to our wonderful Alumni Office volunteers: Mrs. Emma Graham, '61, Mrs. Grace Harrison, '62, Rev. Otto Duncan, '62, Mrs. Veraldine Bush, '67, Mrs. Patricia Tillman, '67, and Mrs. Dedorah Brown, '03. Your help has been invaluable!



Rev. Otto Duncan, '62, alumni volunteer



Emma Graham, '61, alumni volunteer

ALUMNI AUTHORS

As we continue our efforts to build a library of published books by our alumni, we thank the many of you who have mailed signed copies of your published work to us. We celebrate your accomplishments and cheer you onward.

Dr. William A. Guillory, '60

Animal Kingdom (Innovations International, 2005)
How to Become a Total Failure (with Phillip Davis) (Innovations International, 2008)

Virginia J. Jones, '60

Spring Will Come (PublishAmerica, 2010)

Dr. Caver Wendell Water, '62

Dust Be the Serpent's Meat (IUniverse, 2003)
Spherical Rainbows (IUniverse, 2000)
Voice in the Slave Narratives of Olaudah Equiano, Frederick Douglass, and Solomon Northrup (Edwin Mellen, 2003)

Dr. Jerome Wilson, '65

African American Children and Missionary Nuns and Priests in Mississippi (with Ethel Young) (AuthorHouse, 2010)

Regina Cobb, '73

About My Father's Business: Rebuilding in New Orleans Post-Katrina (Xulon, 2008)

Mildred Glover, '77

Buddy Heads for Home: A Hurricane Katrina Pet Survivor Story (Tate, 2010)

Lucinda Clark, '83

View From the Middle of the Road Volume II (P.R.A., 2006)
View From the Middle of the Road Volume IV (P.R.A., 2009)

Lisa Frazier Page, '84

A Mighty Long Way: My Journey to Justice at Little Rock Central High School (with Carlotta Walls Lanier) (One World/Ballantine, 2009)

Leticia B. Ransom, '87

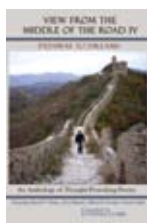
Linkage (Infinity, 2000)
Ageless Pain (Infinity, 2006)

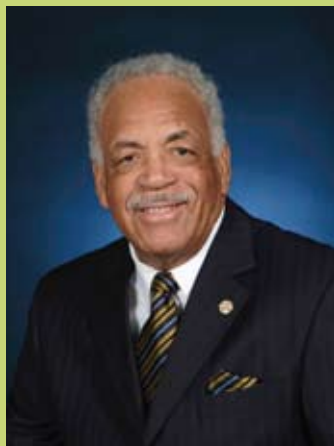
Jericho Brown (Nelson Demery), '98

Please (New Issues, 2008)

CALLING ALL ALUMNI AUTHORS!

Please send signed copies of your published work, along with a bibliography identifying your works. Support the Alumni Library located at the Alumni House! Address all published materials to: Office of Alumni Relations, Dillard University, 2601 Gentilly Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70122.





Ralph S. Laster, '61
DUNAA, Inc. President/Trustee

DILLARD IS POISED FOR SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH

Dear Alumni/Alumnae and Friends of Dillard University:

Many wonderful achievements have taken place on Dillard's campus since it was practically destroyed by Hurricane Katrina just five years ago. But if you have not visited our campus recently, you should. Despite many challenges, from the virtual destruction of campus buildings to reduced student enrollment, Dillard University is poised for substantial growth. It has literally resurfaced bigger and better than before.

There are two reasons for predicting substantial growth. The first is the new, gold-certified, state-of-the-art green buildings that have been constructed on campus over the last couple of years, namely our Professional Schools and Sciences Building and our first Student Union and Community Health Center. If you have not seen these magnificent edifices, you owe it to yourself to do so very soon. They are quite impressive, to say the least, and are a must-see for prospective students, alumni and friends of our prestigious alma mater.

The second reason can be summed up in the old adage, "If you build them, they will come." Well, they are surely coming and in respectable numbers. In the fall of 2010, following the completion of the Professional Schools and Sciences Building, Dillard's new student enrollment was a robust 516, exceeding our goal of 500. Total student enrollment was 1,187 for the semester. Moreover, this pattern of growth is expected to continue until Dillard reaches its optimal enrollment, which is yet to be determined.

Kudos to Dr. Toya Barnes-Teamer, V.P. of Student Success, and her esteemed recruitment team, as well as our alumni association's chapter presidents, recruitment chairs and volunteer recruiters, for their splendid teamwork. It contributed mightily to our substantial enrollment growth.

Nevertheless, we have quite a distance to travel before we reach our optimum number of students. Those of you who have not yet seen the need to take an active role in assisting with the recruiting process, you are cordially invited to step aboard our recruitment train, NOW, and help Dillard reach its substantial growth potential. If you feel my request is a bit too much for me to ask of you now, then as loyal and responsible stewards of Dillard University, why not become active members in our local and national alumni chapters? This is another great way for you to demonstrate your support, love and loyalty to our beloved alma mater. I thank you in advance for your precious support.

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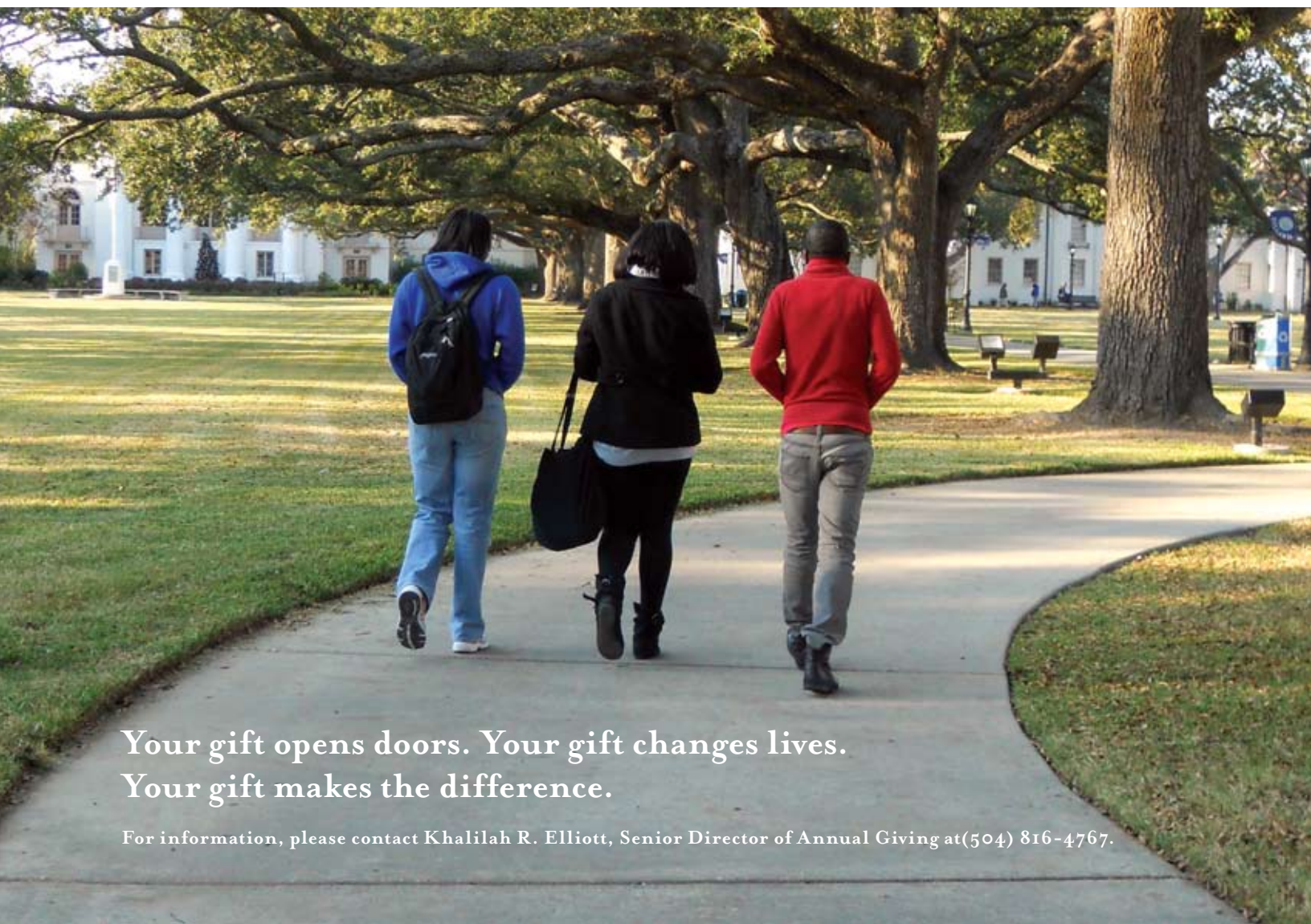
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